

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE DIVISION[645]

Notice of Intended Action

**Proposing rule making related to specific criteria for continuing education
and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Board of Athletic Training hereby proposes to amend Chapter 352, “Continuing Education for Athletic Trainers,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rule Making

This rule making is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 272C.2.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 272C.2.

Purpose and Summary

This proposed rule making expands the specific criteria for continuing education by allowing athletic trainers to receive continuing education credit for additional activities, including attending workshops, authoring research, making professional presentations, and completing academic coursework. This proposed rule making also eliminates definitions for terms that do not appear in the chapter.

Fiscal Impact

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

A waiver provision is not included in this rule making because all administrative rules of the professional licensure boards in the Professional Licensure Division are subject to the waiver provisions accorded under 645—Chapter 18.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rule making. Written or oral comments in response to this rule making must be received by the Division no later than 4:30 p.m. on November 23, 2021. Comments should be directed to:

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Public Hearing

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

November 23, 2021
9 to 9:30 a.m.

Via video/conference call
Zoom Meeting ID: 889 9122 5024
Passcode: 757070
(US) +1.312.626.6799 (toll)
Access code: 757070

Persons who wish to make oral comments at the public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rule making. In an effort to ensure accuracy in memorializing a person's comments, a person may provide written comments in addition to or in lieu of oral comments at the hearing.

Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Board and advise of specific needs.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rule-making actions are proposed:

ITEM 1. Amend rule 645—352.1(272C) as follows:

645—352.1(272C) Definitions. For the purpose of these rules, the following definitions shall apply:

~~“Active license” means the license is current and has not expired.~~

~~“Approved program/activity” means a continuing education program/activity meeting the standards set forth in these rules.~~

“Audit” means the selection of licensees for verification of satisfactory completion of continuing education requirements during a specified time period.

“Board” means the board of athletic training created under Iowa Code chapter 147.

“BOC” means the Board of Certification or its successor organization.

“Continuing education” means planned, organized learning acts acquired during initial licensure designed to maintain, improve, or expand a licensee's knowledge and skills in order for the licensee to develop new knowledge and skills relevant to the enhancement of practice, education, or theory development to improve the safety and welfare of the public.

“Hour of continuing education” means at least 50 minutes spent by a licensee in actual attendance at and completion of an approved continuing education activity.

~~“Inactive license” means a license that has expired because it was not renewed by the end of the grace period. The category of “inactive license” may include licenses formerly known as lapsed, inactive, delinquent, closed, or retired.~~

~~“Independent study” means a subject/program/activity that a person pursues autonomously that meets standards for approval criteria in the rules and includes a posttest.~~

“License” means license to practice.

“Licensee” means any person licensed to practice as an athletic trainer in the state of Iowa.

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 352.3(2) as follows:

352.3(2) Specific criteria. Continuing education hours of credit shall be obtained by participating in through any of the following:

a. Completing a course provided by a BOC-approved provider of continuing education.

b. Attending workshops, conferences, or symposiums.

c. Authoring research, the results of which are published in a recognized professional publication.

A licensee shall receive five hours of credit per page.

d. Presenting professional programs that meet the criteria of this chapter. Two hours of credit will be awarded for each hour of presentation. A course schedule or brochure must be maintained for audit. Presenting at a professional program does not include teaching class at an institution of higher learning at which the applicant is regularly and primarily employed, nor does it include presentations to the lay public. A licensee may be granted no more than ten hours of continuing education credit per biennium for presenting professional programs.

e. Completing academic courses that directly relate to the professional competency of the licensee. Official transcripts indicating successful completion of academic courses that apply to the field of athletic training must be maintained for audit. Continuing education credit equivalents are as follows:

1 academic semester hour = 15 continuing education hours

1 academic trimester hour = 12 continuing education hours

1 academic quarter hour = 10 continuing education hours